

# Substitute Motion for Article 12

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A Balanced Approach for a Healthier Arlington

# Overview

- Artificial Turf Study Committee
- Report before Spring 2024 Town Meeting
- One-year moratorium on artificial turf on town owned land
  - Exempts Arlington High School
  - Town Meeting can lift the moratorium earlier

# A Balanced Committee of Stakeholders

## **7 Voting Members**

- Conservation Commission
- Park and Recreation Commission
- Capital Planning Committee
- Envision Arlington
- Director of Health and Human Services
- Town Meeting Member
- Town Resident

## **2 Non-voting Members**

- Town's Environmental Planner / Conservation Agent
- Town's Recreation Director

# A Fair Committee

- Conflict of interest requirements for each committee member:
  - No legal involvement – for or against artificial turf
  - No involvement with artificial turf industry
  - No involvement with artificial turf trade groups or lobbyists

# Committee Responsibilities

- Artificial turf review and report: health, safety, environmental impacts, mitigation, and natural and artificial turf fields compared
- Report findings/recommendations at least 30 days before Spring 2024 Town Meeting
  - or to an earlier Town Meeting if the report is ready earlier

# A Short One-Year Moratorium

- Moratorium on the construction or installation of artificial turf on Town property in effect from now until dissolution of the 2024 Town Meeting
  - unless there is a vote of Town Meeting for earlier termination or to extend
  - Arlington High School (including Peirce Field) is exempt (prior contractual obligations)

*A one-year moratorium runs concurrent with the time given the Committee to report to Town Meeting and the Select Board*



# Why?



Arlington Catholic High  
Artificial Turf Field



Black Crumb Rubber Bits  
Covering the White X

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## **Why a Study Committee?**

- Because there is disagreement about the pros and cons of artificial turf fields for the town
- To create a process for making an informed decision

## **Why a one-year moratorium?**

- To give the Study Committee the time to do its work and so the town can act with the information the Committee provides

*This is not a vote for or against any project that may be proposed for Poet's Corner. That vote will occur when the town presents a proposal for Poet's Corner to Town Meeting this fall or later.*



**Please vote YES on the  
Benson-Stamps Substitute Motion  
so together we can create  
a Healthier Arlington**